



WEOBLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Herefordshire

Joint

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1970

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(As at 31st December 1970)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1970, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

The report gives a most satisfactory picture of the general health of the area. There is a 30% excess of births over deaths and nil returns for infant and maternal mortality and the lowest death rate yet recorded (pages 4, 5 & 6). Additionally there were very low figures for infectious disease (pages 8, 9 & 10).

Mr. Morley gives a good statistical picture of the work of the department. It is clear from his report that there is a big problem of refuse disposal. This service will, after the reorganisation of local government, become a County responsibility, leaving the District councils free to concentrate on collection, which, as Mr. Morley says, also needs some updating (page 13).

I should like to thank Mr. Morley for his help and cooperation during the past year.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population	5,650
Average number of persons per acre .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.11
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,925
Average number of inhabited houses per acre .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	.04
Average number of persons per house .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.0
Rateable value .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	£123,989
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	£487.15. 5d.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	27	35	62
Illegitimate	2	2	4
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	29	37	66
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.17	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	11.7	15.2	18.6	17.9	15.8
" " (Adjusted)	13.7	17.8	21.8	20.9	18.5
England and Wales	16.0	16.3	16.9	17.2	17.7

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

	1970	1969
Weobley R.D.	6.0	9.3
England and Wales	8.0	8.0

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Weobley R.D.	Nil	11.5	Nil	9.7	22.0
England and Wales	13.0	13.0	14.3	14.8	15.3

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	11.0

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	12.0

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	23.0

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
	(Total	Nil	Nil	37.7	9.8	33.7
Weobley R.D.	(Legitimate	Nil	Nil	30.9	11.1	37.0
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	111.0	Nil	Nil
England and Wales	(Total	18.0	18.0	18.3	18.3	19.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	*

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	28	22	50

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.93	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	8.8	12.5	14.0	9.7	10.0
" " (Adjusted)	8.2	11.6	13.6	9.2	9.6
England and Wales	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.2	11.7

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	8	2	10

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Weobley R.D.	1.77	3.17	2.46	2.29	1.60
England and Wales	*	2.35	2.27	2.27	2.25

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	13	16	29

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Weobley R.D.	5.13	6.35	7.37	4.58	5.87
England and Wales	*	6.01	6.06	5.77	5.97

*figures not yet available

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	5	3	8		
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Weobley R.D.	1.42	1.76	1.58	0.53	0.71
England and Wales	*	1.77	1.75	1.37	1.60

*figure not yet available

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	2	-	2
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Hypertensive disease	1	1	2
Ischaemic heart disease	5	6	11
Other forms of heart disease	1	2	3
Cerebrovascular disease	5	5	10
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	2	3
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Bronchitis and emphysema	3	-	3
Asthma	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	1	1
	28	22	50

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASEWeobley Rural District

Disease	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Whooping Cough	-	4	11	-	5
Measles	13	3	44	113	52
Scarlet Fever	6	2	6	-	16
+Infective Jaundice	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	3	4
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	2	1	-	2

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	-	4	18	47	37
Measles	146	35	526	314	271
Scarlet Fever	10	4	11	11	29
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	-	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	1	-	-
+Infective Jaundice	10	106	8	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	2	-	-	1	-
Dysentery	2	1	17	285	92
Food Poisoning	16	9	6	10	9
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	3	4	1	3	4
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	3	2	3

+Notifiable from 15.6.68.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1970.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Measles	-	1	-	-	-	23	59	34	5	1	6	17	146
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10
Infective Jaundice	-	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	10
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	4	7	-	16
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Measles	3.95	6.17
Scarlet Fever	0.28	0.27
Infective Jaundice	0.28	0.44
Meningococcal Infection	0.05	0.03
Dysentery	0.05	0.22
Food Poisoning	0.43	0.15
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.08	0.19
Non-Pulmonary	0.03	0.05

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1969	15	8	4	4
Recovered	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1970	14	8	4	4

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1966	2	38	-	4
1967	1	32	1	4
1968	1	31	1	-
1969	2	31	-	-
1970	-	30	-	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTPHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

The Rural District is situated in the North Western portion of the County. It comprises 26 parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres of mainly agricultural land, and, whilst there are no large villages, each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

The chief industry is agriculture, and for some years rationalisation of the industry has had the effect of reducing the number of persons employed in farming, and resulting in their finding alternative employment, chiefly in Hereford, and, to a lesser extent, in Leominster.

There is also a tendency for young persons to leave the area permanently in search of suitable employment and for older persons from industrial areas to move in with a view to retirement.

WATER SUPPLIESa) Regional and Village Supplies

The whole of the district is within the statutory area of the supply of the Herefordshire Water Board and mains supplies are available in the greater portion of the district.

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses
(including farm-houses)

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>NO. OF HOUSES</u>	<u>APPROX. POPULATION</u>
Almeley	113	339
Birley	7	21
Bishopstone	75	225
Blakemere	17	51
Bridge Sollars	12	36
Brinsop	7	21
Brobury	1	3
Byford	35	105
Canon Pyon	128	384
Dilwyn	115	345
Eardisland	58	174
Kinnersley	43	129
King's Pyon	66	198
Letton	13	39
Mansel Lacy	41	123
Moccas	35	101
Monnington-on-Wye	10	30

Water Supplied from Public Mains direct to Houses (cont.)
(including farm-houses)

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>NO. OF HOUSES</u>	<u>APPROX. POPULATION</u>
Norton Canon	61	183
Preston-on-Wye	26	78
Sarnesfield	9	27
Staunton-on-Wye	103	309
Stretford	2	6
Weobley	246	697
Yazor	18	54
<u>Water Supplied from Private Mains</u>		
Bridge Sollars	6	6
Brinsop	3	9
Canon Pyon	2	6
Mansel Lacy	4	12
Preston-on-Wye	20	60
Wormesley	22	66
Yazor	15	45

Water Supplied from Public Mains by means of Standpipes

Almeley	1	3
Birley	21	6
Bishopstone	1	3
Dilwyn	6	18
Eardisland	1	3
Weobley	8	24

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 82 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Supplies (chlorinated)	57	10	67
Other supplies (wells, springs, & private supplies)	8	7	15
	65	17	82

Where supplies have proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use. Where appropriate the Herefordshire Water Board has also been informed.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Following the Local Enquiry held in January, in connection with the Weobley Sewage Disposal Works Extension, the Contract was commenced in November and the completion date is sometime during October, 1971.

The Works, on completion, will enable Ledgemoor, Norton Canon and King's Pyon to be sewered in due course and the crude sewage from these areas pumped into and treated at the Weobley Works.

The existing Works at Dilwyn, Canon Pyon, Staunton-on-Wye and Moccas have functioned satisfactorily and gradually more properties are being connected to the sewers.

Number of houses connected to public sewers	260
Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works	844
Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal	Not known
Number of houses without satisfactory means of disposal	Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths within the area. A small pool is, however, in use at Weobley County Primary School for the use of pupils. Samples of water from the School Baths are regularly submitted for bacteriological examination.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A fortnightly collection of household refuse has been maintained through this district and also the Kington R.D.C. area.

From time to time enquiries have been received from some of the larger villages, seeking a weekly collection service and as mentioned in last year's Annual Report, two neighbouring Authorities are now operating a weekly collection service, using the paper sack method.

The composition of household refuse is gradually changing, less ash and more tins, polythene containers and paper or polythene packaging is being collected and this in turn gives rise to an increase in bulk.

Undoubtedly, as the volume of household refuse increases, a greater need will arise for a weekly collection service, especially in the larger villages, in order to implement such a scheme, however, it seems likely in present circumstances that another collection vehicle would be required and information is being obtained with a view to reporting to the appropriate Committee again on this matter in due course.

As in previous years, I again draw attention to the problem of refuse disposal, especially with regard to the need to look ahead in order to obtain further disposal facilities when the sites at

Stretford and Moccas can be no longer utilised.

On the various collection rounds the freighter travelled some 12,180 miles during the year at an average of 8.6 miles per gallon of fuel.

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Local Authority properties have been temporarily surveyed and treated by the Council Manual Workers Staff, pending the appointment of a Pests Inspector by the appropriate Committee.

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers' Regulations, 1959.

Inspection Under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Building Inspections & New Buildings	317	10		10
Building Plans	136			
Building Regulations	3			
Council Housing Schemes	368	.		
Council House Management and Maintenance	650	9		9
Council House Tenancy Investigations	146			
Drainage	13			
Discretionary Improvement Grants	80			
Establishment	2			
Farm Drainage	1			
Factories Act	1			
Food Premises	25			
Housing Act 1969	2			
Housing (F.P.) Act Section 41	23			
Housing Inspections	55			
Ice-cream Licences & Samples	1			
Meat Inspections	134			
Milk Samples	25			
Miscellaneous	73			
Moveable Dwellings	19			
Nuisances	105	12		12
Planning Duties	5			
Petroleum Inspections	5			
Public Offices	1			
Public Conveniences	4			
Refuse Collection & Disposal	72			
Rodent Control	4			

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR (cont.)

Inspection Under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices Complied With
Slaughterhouses	2			
Sewage Disposal	170			
Standard Improvement Grants	38			
Valuation of Property	10			
Water Supplies	9			
Water Samples	75			
Totals	2,574	31		31

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

There are no large factories within the rural area and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the rural area is as follows:-

	FACTORIES		Total	Other Premises
	Mechanical Power With	Without		
Almeley	1	-	1	1
Blakemere	2	-	2	-
Canon Pyon	3	-	3	1
Dilwyn	1	-	1	-
Eardisland	1	-	1	1
Moccas	1	-	1	-
Norton Canon	1	-	1	1
Preston-on-Wye	1	-	1	1
Weobley	6	-	6	2
	17	-	17	7

The 'Other Premises' described in the foregoing list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of 'Factories' as described in the Act.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958, AND HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959Discretionary Improvement Grants

The scheme has been implemented by the Council since 1952 and so far 190 proposals have been approved. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to 10.13% of the total number of occupied houses.

Twenty-two schemes were approved by the Council during the year.

Standard Improvement Grants

This method of improving old properties continues to be well received and during the year 22 applications were made and approved, with 19 completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959, some 283 proposals amounting to about 14.7% of the total occupied houses in the area have been approved, five of these being later withdrawn by the applicants.

COUNCIL HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

The Grouped Dwellings scheme comprising 22 Units and a Warden's Flat and Social Centre, together with 4 "General Needs" bungalows, was completed at Weobley during the year.

As regards proposals for four bungalows and eight houses at Preston-on-Wye, the Consultant Architects were instructed towards the close of the year to prepare a scheme for submission to the Government Department concerned.

An improvement and conversion scheme to form three dwellings out of two properties at Canon Pyon was in course of preparation.

A summary of the various Council Housing Schemes is given on page

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

8 new dwellings were completed during 1970, appreciably less than in 1969 and at the year end a further 6 were in various stages of construction.

Whenever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEMES

	Com- pleted	Year	Under const- ruction	Houses in prepara- tory stages	Year
Almeley	8	1951	-	-	-
	2	1955	-	-	-
	11	1956	-	-	-
	4	1969	-	-	-
Bishopstone	2	1945	-	-	-
	12	1966	-	-	-
	2	1969	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	2	1945	-	-	-
	14	1965	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1965	-	-	-
	1	1965	-	-	-
	1	1967	-	1	1970
Dilwyn	12	1953	-	-	-
	4	1955	-	-	-
Eardisland	4	1954	-	-	-
	15	1955	-	-	-
King's Pyon	6	1966	-	-	-
Norton Canon	2	1944	-	-	-
	4	1966	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	2	1966	-	-	-
Letton Conversion	2	1966	-	-	-
Moccas	7	1969	-	-	-
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	12	1962
Staunton-on-Wye	14	1966	-	-	-
" " "					
Louvain	2	1968	-	-	-
Weobley	14	1949	-	-	-
	10	1955	-	-	-
	22	1956	-	-	-
	9	1957	-	-	-
(Conversion)	1	1948	-	-	-
	2	1952	-	-	-
	5	1952	-	-	-
	3	1958	-	-	-
(Bungalows)	6	1961	-	-	-
	6	1961	-	-	-
	20	1962	-	-	-
(Grouped Dwellings)	22	1970	-	-	-
(Warden's Flat)	1	1970	-	-	-
(Bungalows - General Needs)	4	1970	-	-	-
	264			12	

FINANCIAL ADVANCES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, PURCHASE OR RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES

Since 1956 it has been the Council's policy to advance money for the purposes stated in the heading, but the number of applications received during the past year has been less than in some previous years.

Advances made since 1956 are as follows:-

- a) For the construction of new dwellings 16
- b) For the purchase, repair or improvement of existing dwellings 69

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 225 applications were dealt with during the year as follows:-

Private garages	21
Alterations & improvements	70
Drainage	7
Advertisement signs	3
Private houses	25
Overhead M.E.B. Lines	11
Accesses	9
Change of use of land	-
Sheds, greenhouses, etc.	14
Farm buildings	13
Poultry-houses, piggeries, etc.	4
Moveable dwellings	2
Stores	4
Conversions	10
Workshops	1
Conservatories, porches	11
Sewage Works pumping station	2
Weobley C.S.School extensions	2
Sanitary accommodation	6
Swimming pools	1
Telephone exchange	1
Removal of dangerous structure	1
Car park	1
Industrial buildings	1
Offices	2
Central heating	2
Screen wall	1

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 61,590 gallons.

There are 12 petrol filling stations and 38 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKERS' ACCOMMODATION

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms, thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers: 2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

School Milk Supplies

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological and also biological examination. Eight samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year.

Food Premises

Food premises in area:-

Butchers' shops	2	School Canteens	3
Grocers' shops	21	Snack Bars	1
Inns & Hotels	20	Cafes	1

There are also a few smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets in pre-packed wrappers.

Throughout the year, from time to time, miscellaneous inspections of food premises were undertaken during the course of other visits, but 25 inspections were made specifically in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations.

Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	48
Number of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	48
Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19	48
Premises registered under Food & Drugs Act, 1955, for storage and sale of ice-cream	34

Slaughterhouses & Butchers' Shops

There are two private slaughterhouses in Weobley, both of which are used regularly. During the year -

195 Beasts 97 Sheep 529 Lambs 365 Pigs

were slaughtered at the two establishments and, after inspection, the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption:

Livers:-

29 Bovine 16 Pigs 9 Lambs
2 Pigs' hearts
4 Pigs' lungs
~~2 Pigs'~~ hind quarters

By comparison with 1969, 30% more animals were slaughtered in the area.

100% inspection of all carcasses and organs has been maintained.

